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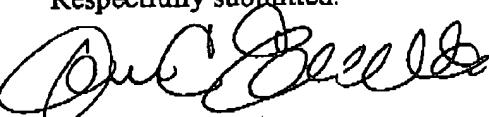
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2. Applicant is a small entity; other than a small entity.
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AMENDMENT
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In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.